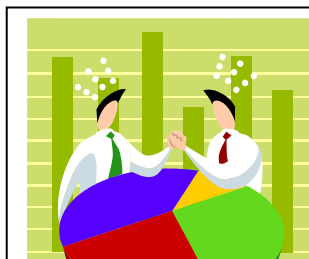


# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for September 2006

Released November 2006



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

## September 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 10/25/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages

	09/06	08/06	09/05
U.S.	4.4	4.6	4.8
INDIANA	4.7	5.2	5.0
FORT WAYNE MSA	4.6	5.0	4.8
EGR 3	5.0	5.4	5.2
<b>COUNTY:</b>			
Adams	4.2	4.2	4.6
Allen	4.7	5.1	4.9
DeKalb	5.7	5.9	5.9
Grant	6.6	7.9	7.4
Huntington	4.7	5.3	4.9
LaGrange	5.0	4.8	4.4
Noble	5.8	6.0	5.6
Steuben	5.7	6.2	5.7
Wabash	5.3	5.6	6.3
Wells	4.0	3.8	4.0
Whitley	4.6	4.9	4.5
<b>CITY:</b>			
Angola	6.4	7.1	6.0
Auburn	5.7	5.9	5.8
Bluffton	5.2	5.1	4.4
Columbia City	4.7	4.9	5.0
Decatur	5.3	5.3	5.5
Fort Wayne	5.0	5.5	5.2
Huntington	5.2	6.0	5.6
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.9	5.4	5.4
Kendallville	6.3	6.9	7.1
Marion	7.5	8.9	8.7
Wabash City	5.6	5.8	8.8
<b>OTHER MSA'S</b>			
Indianapolis	4.3	4.6	4.6
Gary	4.9	5.9	5.3
Evansville	4.3	4.7	4.8

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – September 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette (7.9%)
2	Grant
11	Noble
15	DeKalb
17	Steuben
24	Wabash
34	LaGrange
46	Allen
48	Huntington
55	Whitley
68	Adams
76	Wells
92	Hamilton (2.9%)

## SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT September 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.1%
Kentucky	4.8%
Michigan	6.7%
Ohio	5.0%



## ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

## REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor 31 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states. Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate, 2.5 percent. The states registering the highest jobless rates were Mississippi, 7.2%, Michigan, 7.1%, Alaska, 6.6%, and South Carolina, 6.4%. Tennessee registered the largest unemployment rate decline from August. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 37 states and decreased in 13 states. The largest employment increases were recorded in California, Texas, Florida, and North Carolina. Hawaii posted the largest over the month percentage increase in employment, followed by Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, and Delaware.. The largest employment decreases occurred in Minnesota, Missouri, Georgia, and Ohio. Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and decreased in 1 state (Michigan).

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

# FORT WAYNE MSA



## WAGE AND SALARIED

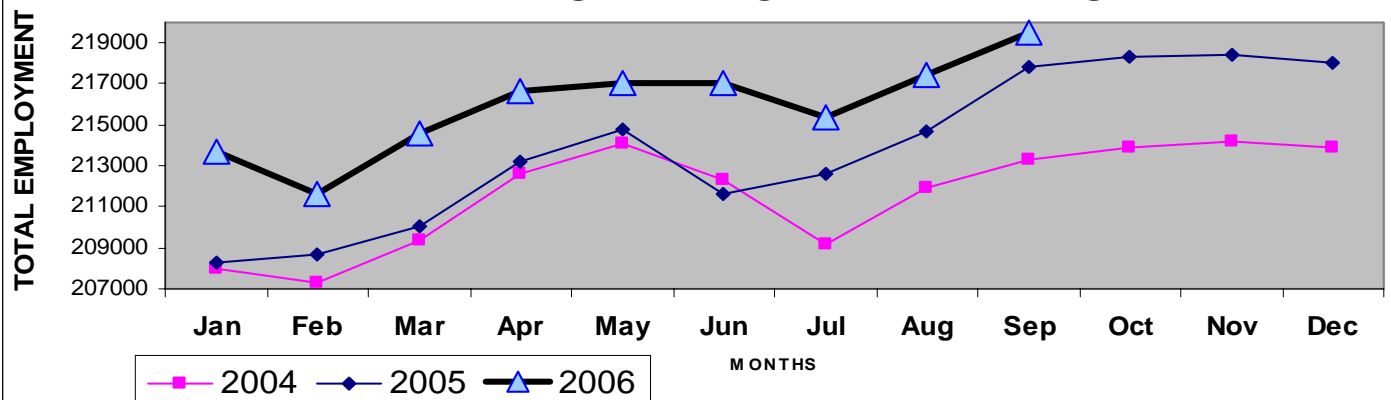
	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	SEPTEMBER 2006	AUGUST 2006	SEPTEMBER 2005	AUG. 2006 TO SEPT. 2006	SEPT. 2005 TO SEPT. 2006		
Total Nonfarm	219,500	217,400	217,800	+2,100 +1.0%	+1,700 +0.8%		
Total Private	196,400	196,200	194,400	+200 +0.1%	+2,000 +1.0%		
Goods Producing	49,700	49,600	49,000	+100 +0.2%	+700 +1.4%		
Service-Providing	169,800	167,800	168,800	+2,000 +1.2%	+1,000 +0.6%		
Private Srvc Provide	146,700	146,600	145,400	+100 +0.1%	+1,300 +0.9%		
Nat. Res & Constructiom	12,700	12,600	11,800	+100 +0.8%	+900 +7.6%		
Manufacturing	37,000	37,000	37,200	+0 +0.0%	-200 -0.5%		
Durable Goods	28,300	28,400	28,600	-100 -0.4%	-300 -1.0%		
Computer and Electronic	4,200	4,200	4,100	+0 +0.0%	+100 +2.4%		
Transportation Equipment	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100 -1.5%	+100 +1.6%		
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	47,000	47,000	46,800	+0 +0.0%	+200 +0.4%		
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,100	12,800	+100 +0.8%	+400 +3.1%		
Retail Trade	23,000	23,100	23,100	-100 -0.4%	-100 -0.4%		
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,800	10,800	10,900	+0 +0.0%	-100 -0.9%		
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%		
Financial Activities	11,900	12,100	12,000	-200 -1.7%	-100 -0.8%		
Professional and Business	21,500	21,600	21,500	-100 -0.5%	+0 +0.0%		
Educational and Health	34,000	33,500	33,500	+500 +1.5%	+500 +1.5%		
Leisure and Hospitality	20,400	20,500	19,900	-100 -0.5%	+500 +2.5%		
Food Services and Drinking	16,800	16,800	16,600	+0 +0.0%	+200 +1.2%		
Other Services	8,300	8,300	8,100	+0 +0.0%	+200 +2.5%		
Government	23,100	21,200	23,400	+1,900 +9.0%	-300 -1.3%		
Federal Government	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100 -4.3%	+0 +0.0%		
State Government	4,600	4,300	4,800	+300 +7.0%	-200 -4.2%		
Local Government	16,300	14,600	16,400	+1,700 +11.6%	-100 -0.6%		
Local Govt Education	9,600	7,800	9,500	+1,800 +23.1%	+100 +1.1%		

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING  
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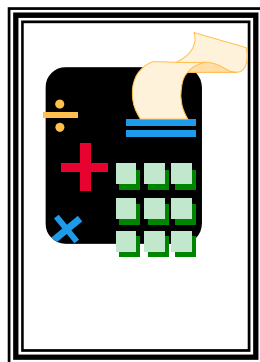
### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEPT 2006	AUGUST 2006	SEPT 2005	SEPT 2006	AUGUST 2006	SEPT 2005	SEPT 2006	AUGUST 2006	SEPT 2005
Manufacturing	\$752.69	\$755.38	\$735.35	42.4	42.2	41.9	\$17.75	\$17.90	\$17.55
Retail Trade	\$311.54	\$302.36	\$328.09	28.9	28.1	30.1	\$10.78	\$10.76	\$10.90

### FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



# MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	September 2006	August 2006	Previous Month % Change	September 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	6,556	8,088	-18.9%	6,001	9.2%
Auburn	8,183	8,455	-3.2%	7,024	16.5%
Connersville	2,290	2,136	7.2%	1,810	26.5%
Fort Wayne	14,048	16,400	-14.3%	13,750	2.2%
Marion	4,948	5,770	-14.2%	4,468	10.7%
Muncie	6,955	8,770	-20.7%	7,247	-4.0%
Richmond	2,629	3,130	-16.0%	2,794	-5.9%
INDIANA	202,780	234,908	-13.7%	200,487	1.1%

## APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date November 8, 2006

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	7,907
Production Laborers	6,344
All Other Machine Operators	4,181
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,715
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,068
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,721
All Other Hand Workers	2,695
General Office Clerks	2,202
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,197
Cashiers, General	2,102
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,830
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,639
Production Helpers	1,561
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,536
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,477
Administrative Assistants	1,417
File Clerks	1,412
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,402
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,400
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,355

## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover\*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



## JOB OPENINGS ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Number of Openings	Average Hourly Wage
Assemblers	174	\$10.16
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	141	\$14.05
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	120	\$14.25
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	133	\$13.52
Production Laborers	86	\$10.63
All Other Machine Operators	36	\$11.43
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	35	\$14.41
All Other Machinery Maintenance Mechanics	27	\$14.69
Production Helpers	26	\$9.29
Machinery Maintenance Servicers	24	\$18.30
Other Inspectors & Testers	22	\$12.24
Other Material Recording, Scheduling, Distributing	22	\$12.95
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	21	\$7.88
1 <sup>st</sup> Line Supervisor	21	\$14.67
Computer Engineer	1	\$43.27
Storage Distribution Mgr	1	\$28.85
Purchasing Mgr	1	\$21.63

The September 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during September. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal

## WAGE DEMAND

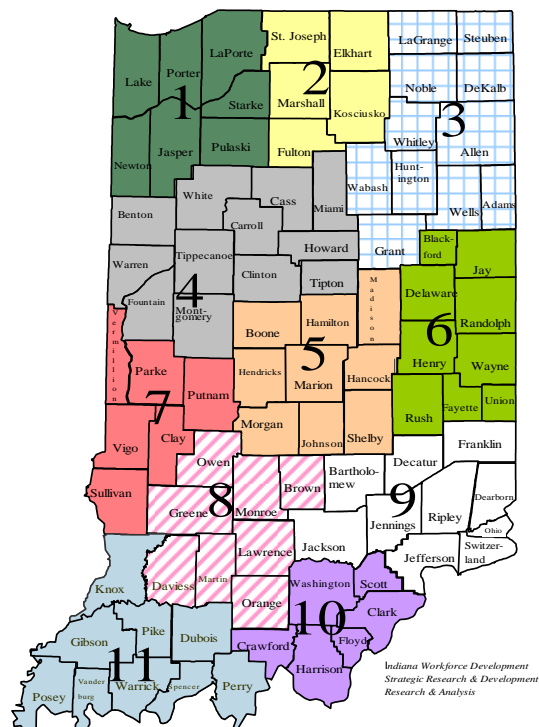
How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

Indiana Economic Growth Regions



## WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Adams	\$23,059	\$20,800	437
Allen	\$24,306	\$20,800	8,230
DeKalb	\$21,548	\$20,800	1,480
Grant	\$19,800	\$18,720	4,809
Huntington	\$28,078	\$20,800	883
LaGrange	\$33,747	\$22,880	592
Noble	\$25,101	\$20,800	1,159
Steuben	\$27,652	\$20,800	894
Wabash	\$25,587	\$20,800	1,024
Wells	\$23,832	\$20,800	458
EGR 3	\$23,739	\$20,800	21,161
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>\$25,273</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>151,376</b>

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## Consumer Price Index



### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7			

### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6			

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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